

June 2023 Edition

Welcome to this month's edition of **Beverley Highlife**. I hope that you will enjoy reading about what has been happening this month at Beverley High School.

Sharon Japp, Headteacher

## Klassenfahrt nach Köln 24.05 - 27.05.2023

Lily Mehmet

"I believe this was the best trip I have been on. I really enjoyed the activities and the youth hostel experience. My favourite experience was the castle and its beautiful gardens.

However, it is hard to pick. Even just being in Germany was a special treat and of course we have to thank our teachers for making this happen but also our bus driver Patrick."

*Mein Lieblingstag war Freitag! Wir sind zum Schloss und zum Zoo gefahren. Es gab Elefanten, Nilpferde und Löwen. Insgesamt hat es sehr viel Spaß gemacht.*



Rose Morris



"I really enjoyed my time in Köln with the school because not only were we able to view the amazing city, but we had several interactions with locals and gained the experience of a lifetime. [...] All in all, I loved the experience and would recommend it highly for anyone doing German in the school because you will always remember it."



Chloe Cairns

"The Jurassic Park Museum was very fun [...] It had a huge Brachiosaurus looming over everyone. It made cool noises and acted in a similar docile way as they do in Jurassic World (when the indominus hasn't escaped yet of course). My friends and I had a great time going around each area."



## German Exchange

The first week of this half-term saw our German partner school, Gymnasium Am Kothen arrive from Wuppertal as part of our long-standing German Exchange programme. Our students and families welcomed their German partners with open arms.

It was a short but action-packed week, students spent a day in school shadowing pupils from across the year groups; visited Beverley Treasure House; enjoyed day trips to York and Scarborough; took part in specialist cooking and photography lessons in school as well as many other activities planned by host families.

It really was a fantastic week with long lasting friendships forming. We cannot wait for our return trip in September when the Gymnasium will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!



## History Trip to SIX The Musical

Students in Year 8 had a fantastic time seeing *Six the Musical* at Hull New Theatre just before half term. This West End show focuses on Henry VIII's six wives, with each one taking to the mic to tell their tale. This production, as well as being entertaining, was full of historical knowledge to support students' understanding of the Tudor period. Students and staff had a great evening.





## Year 11 Visit Oxford and Cambridge

27 students from both Beverley High School and Beverley Grammar School accompanied by three members of staff travelled to Oxford and Cambridge Universities for an action-packed two day visit. During their stay they had the chance to visit Mansfield College, Oxford and King's College, Cambridge and to find out more about studying at both institutions. Students were able to enjoy a delicious lunch in the Hall at Mansfield College followed by a visit to one of the University of Oxford's many libraries. On the second day students had a chance to tour King's College followed by time to visit Fitzwilliam Museum and other colleges.



## This is Hull and UCAS Convention

We were delighted to have two opportunities for Year 12 students to explore their options for future study and to get a taste of life as a university student. This Is Hull gave students the chance to sample university-style lectures, visit the university library and tour the various academic departments. At the UCAS convention students were able to talk to university providers from across the country. We look forward to working with Year 12 as they begin to make their applications for further study and employment over the coming months.



## Magistrates' Competition

On Saturday 3 June, the students who were involved in the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition went to Birmingham to take part in the regional heat of the competition after having won the local heat. Once again, the team showed great commitment, talent and enthusiasm throughout their preparation which paid off as they were crowned the winners! Usually, this would mean the group then progressing to a prestigious final in London although, unfortunately, the competition organisers have chosen not to hold a final this year. The judges on the day were very impressed by our team, commending their general attitude and approach to the day as well as their outstanding performance. We would like to congratulate all those who were involved – we are extremely proud of them.



Alongside the first heat of the Mock Trial competition, there is a separate 'Mock Trial artist' competition which involves attending the local heat, sketching an image of individuals in the courtroom and submitting it.

Hatty Cobb entered for Beverley High School and won! Not surprising, given her amazing sketch (left). She also participated as a court usher on the day, and as a magistrate in the Birmingham heat so she was an integral part of the main competition. Well done Hatty!



## Trip to the Hay Festival

It was a 4:00am start for 50 Year 9 students and 4 staff as we embarked on the 6 hour journey to the Hay Festival in mid Wales! The aim of the festival is to “inspire and entertain audiences with talks exploring new ideas and a focus on imagining the world as it is and as it might be”.



We arrived at 10am just in time for our first talk. Students had the opportunity to listen to a range of speakers including; Joseph Coelho, Nikesh Shukla, Candy Gourlay, Laura Dockrill and Maggie Aderin-Pocock. They also had opportunities to explore the festival, visiting the bookshop, giftshop and enjoying their lunch sitting in deck chairs in the sunshine.

We wanted to make the most of our time in Hay-on-Wye so we also took a walk along the stunning River Wye and visited Hay castle.

One student Maisie Russell said about the trip, “The trip was a once in a lifetime experience, the scenery was a change from what we normally see. The festival was really good especially the speakers who were engaging. The best part of the day was enjoying the free time to explore the festival.”



## Year 11 Prom

It was wonderful to celebrate with our Year 11 students on Prom Night. The Mercure, Willerby was the venue this year and students and staff enjoyed celebrating the end of GCSEs together.





## New Head Student Team

Congratulations to our new Head Student team. We welcome Louie and Lucy as Head Boy and Girl and Celia and Freddie as Deputy Head Girl and Boy. We are looking forward to working with you.



## Year 13 Prom

It was wonderful to celebrate with all our Year 13 students on Prom Night. Cave Castle proved a stunning venue and students and staff enjoyed celebrating the end of A Levels together.

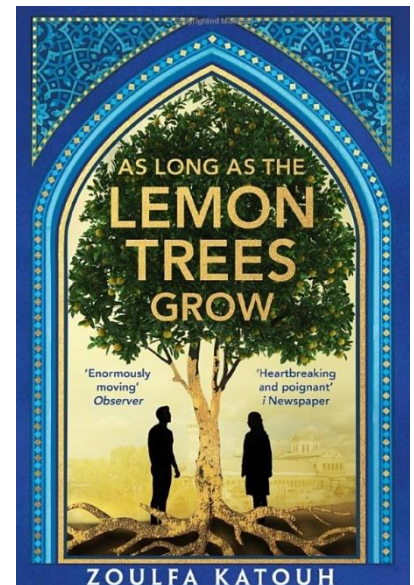




## Syrian Author Visit

On Monday 19 June, we were delighted to welcome Zoulfa Katouh into school to speak to Year 9 and 10 students. Although Zoulfa holds a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy and is currently pursuing her master's degree in Drug Sciences, she recently wrote an incredible book called, *As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow*. This text is a love letter to Syria and its people, set amid the Syrian Revolution, focusing on hope, love and possibility. Zoulfa said, "The last time I was in Syria was in 2010. I was in Homs (where the book is set), and I still think about the people there. I can see some of their faces. Are they still alive? When I was asked about the war I realised I needed to write this story."

When asked by students about some of the characters, it was clear authentic Muslim representation is really important to Zoulfa, she said, "I really wanted to show Muslims who don't reject their religion. They are happy with it, they wear hijabs and are happy with it. I am all too aware of the negative stereotypes about Muslim people propagated by the media and hope this story can go some way to redress the balance."



Thank you to Zoulfa for such an interesting talk and for taking the time to visit us.



### Dr Janine Hatter Talks to Mary Braddon House

Thank you to Dr Janine Hatter of Hull University for visiting Beverley High School recently to speak to students in Mary Braddon (MB) House.

Mary Braddon spent time living and working in Beverley, she said of the locality “‘Kingston-Upon-Hull is now indeed a splendid city, and I greatly admire the wide streets and fine buildings.’

Braddon was a popular novelist of the Victorian Era, and Janine walked us through her key works, starting with her poems that appeared in the Beverley Recorder and General Advertiser. From there, we learnt more about Braddon’s novel *Three Times Dead*, which is described as having, “the human interest and genial humour of Dickens with the plot-weaving of G W M Reynolds” and her most famous text *Lady Audley’s Secret*. In this novel, she used Yorkshire to inspire her work – the landscape, people, habits, hobbies and food.

Janine shared some key quotes that can be found in Braddon’s works about Yorkshire, including,

‘No one who has not eaten Yorkshire cakes, and seen them made and baked in a Yorkshire kitchen, by a brisk and energetic Yorkshire housewife, can have a just idea of the celerity with which this operation can be performed’

Thank you to Dr Janine Hatter for giving up her time to share insights into Braddon’s life and, in turn, allow us to understand her significance and connections to Beverley.



### Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

This year students of French and German in all year groups had the chance to enter the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators which aims to promote language learning and raise awareness about the role of translators.

Two students entered the prize and both will receive a certificate of participation. Congratulations to Natalia Ivan (Year 10) who received a commendation for her entry.



The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators is organised by the Queen’s Translation Exchange at The Queen's College, Oxford. Over 15,000 students participated in the prize this year. Natalia was successful in the area judging round and received a Commendation for French Level 3.

Congratulations Natalia! This is a fantastic achievement given the number and standard of entries. A team of undergraduates and professional translators judged entries to the competition and all commented on the excellent standard of entries this year.

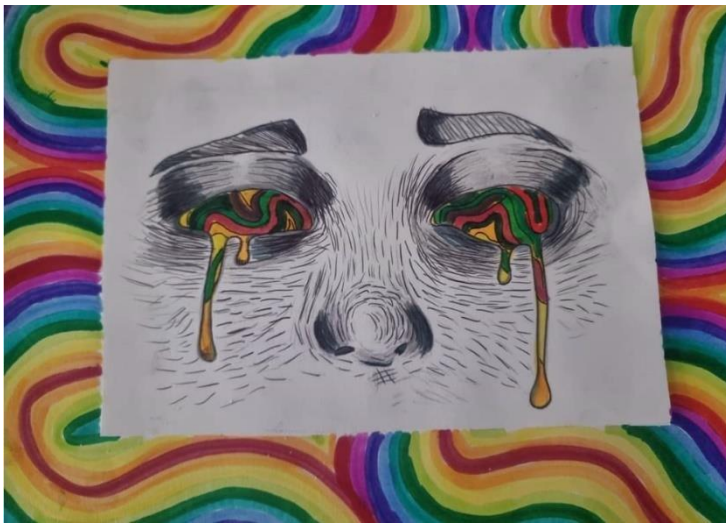


## Ferens Art Gallery Open Exhibition

A number of our students and staff have recently successfully entered the Ferens Art Gallery Open Art Exhibition. Their images have been selected by the judges and will be displayed in the Ferens Art Gallery when the exhibition opens on July 21st.

Emilia Morris and Alice Padget have both had an artwork accepted to the Ferens Junior Open Exhibition. Their entries are pictured below. Music teacher, Miss Papanikolaou also entered with a stunning image of Hull Paragon Train Station.

We are delighted to report that Year 9 student Hatty Cobb (pictured below) was awarded **First Prize for the 12 to 15 year olds age category**. This is an incredible achievement. Hatty was presented with her prize at an award ceremony on Saturday.





## Truly Exceptional Oil Paintings

The Art Department wishes to showcase the work of one of their A Level students Will Batten. They are part of a project looking at Media Imagery. The landscape piece was produced in his 5 hour mock exam last week. Well done Will, the J6th is proud to have such a talented artist.





## Healthy Eating Week



This June, we have taken part in Healthy Eating Week 2023. As the cost-of-living crisis continues, it can be harder than ever to eat well. With this in mind, we took part in the British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week 2023 from 12-16 June. The British Nutrition Foundation – a leading nutrition charity – have shared multiple evidence-based resources which can support all of us in having a healthy and sustainable diet. Each year group received an assembly about the event then pupils got involved by using the Healthy Food Tracker, sharing recipes and making smoothies; we even had some members of staff join in as well. Thank you to everyone who took part!

## Pride Month

Events have taken place in school to celebrate Pride month. A bake sale raised £60 which was donated to the LGBTQ+ charity, Stonewall.



Bake sale



Display in the Friends' meeting area

The display in the Friends' Meeting Area was contributed to by all students who were given a ribbon and asked to write a positive or supportive message for the LGBTQ+ community. There were lots of lovely, positive messages that our students contributed, such as:



“Stand up for what you believe in, even if you are standing alone”

“Every time someone steps up and says who they are, the world becomes a better, more interesting place.”

“Be yourself no matter who that is”

The canteen staff also helped us raise awareness for Pride Month by providing an array of multicoloured foods in the canteen for lunches in the last week of June.

## Beverley High School Inter-House Bake-Off

On Wednesday 27 June, 25 pupils took part in Beverley High School's first Inter-House Bake-Off competition. Pupils were challenged to bake a classic two-tier Victoria Sponge cake, with a buttercream and jam filling. The cake had to be decorated with images that represented their House. The cakes were judged by senior members of staff and prizes awarded to the winning team. Well done to all those who took part but particularly the pupils from Pat Albeck House who won first place - Darcy H, Abigail K, Penny M and Hannah P. Their attention to detail was superb even including a bee as a nostalgic nod to their old House name - B for Bethel.





## World Refugee Day



On Tuesday 20 June, Year 7, 8 and 9 students joined the first **Great Big Live Assembly** at 9:05am aiming to help children in the UK better understand life for refugee children around the world and to celebrate the warm welcome UK schools have given to refugees.

Joining over 600 schools we met 14-year-old Seedra and 17-year-old Mohammed, who were joining us from the World Vision Peace Centre, in Azraq refugee camp in Jordan. They shared a little bit about their lives growing up in a refugee camp – we heard how Seedra likes Harry Potter books and how she wants to be a doctor when she grows up, and from Mohammed who wants to study Computer Science and go to university.

It was great to learn more about their culture, to hear about their dreams and ambitions, and to see aspects of their daily life. It sparked some interesting debates and made us relate to those with lived experience, and develop an appropriate emotional and moral response to people in need.

## Their Finest Hour

Beverley High School is collaborating with Oxford University. This joint project aims to collect and digitally archive the everyday stories and objects of the Second World War that have been passed down from generation to generation. If you or your friends/family have a World War II related story, please email Miss Brownell, [s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net](mailto:s.brownell@beverleyhigh.net), to find out more.





### Enchanting Earrings

These gorgeous earrings have been produced by Year 9 student Emily Cook this term in her Product Design lessons. They have been skilfully pierced out of copper sheet and then enamelled, first with a base coat of white and then with a second firing of red, creating an ombre effect. Fantastic work - well done Emily!



### Year 10 Online Parents' Evening

Thank you to the parents of Year 10 students who logged on for parents' evening this month. Teachers really appreciate these opportunities to feed back to you about your child's academic progress.



### GCSE Devised Performances

This month, the Year 10 GCSE Drama students performed their Devised Performance pieces for assessment. These performances contribute towards the overall GCSE grade and the students have been working hard over the past few months, planning and creating their performances. The class were given a range of stimuli to help develop ideas. These ranged from poetry, to strong images, to news clippings. The final performances were of fantastic quality and the students showed resilience, creativity and great confidence throughout the unit. Well done Year 10!

### Science Block Refurbishment

This month, the long-awaited refurbishment of the Science block commenced, more on that in the coming months...



## Year 9 workshops from Hull University

As part of the 'Be Open-Minded' super-curricular programme of academic enrichment, 50 students in Year 9 opted to take part in workshops in subjects as diverse as Marine Biology, Creative Writing, Philosophy and Artificial Intelligence, Astrophysics and Black History delivered by academics from Hull University. Students were lucky enough to be able to listen to experts in their field and hear about areas of specialist research.



The following books are linked to the topics of the workshops and are available to buy on Parent Pay for participating students. Students also have the option to enter a follow-up competition to the workshops to encourage further reading and thinking around what they have learnt.



## Tutor Reading Book of the Month: *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah

Students in Years 7 and 8 have the opportunity to read *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah as part of the tutor reading programme.

Haunting, tragic and distressing in what it reveals about man's inhumanity to man, *Refugee Boy* is also an affirming story of one boy's amazing courage and several other individual's goodness and integrity. Caught up in the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea, Alem's life is in danger at home. To make sure he survives, Alem's father brings him to Britain and abandons him to seek asylum and find a new and better life. The story of how Alem retains his dignity and independence in the most challenging of circumstances while also adapting to the demands of a new life is strongly told.

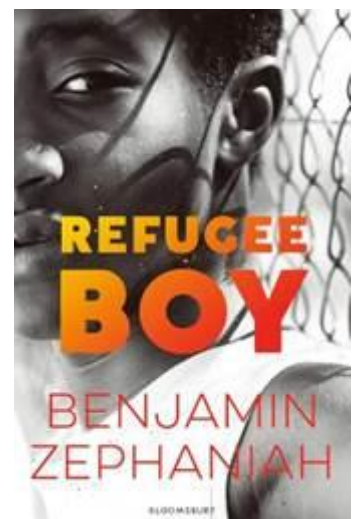
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LINK TO SCHOOL VALUE: Social Justice



## Sport Report

### Year 7 & 8 Rounders

The students have played a couple of fixtures against South Hunsley, Wolfreton and Cottingham schools this month. The first fixture at Wolfreton saw our Year 7 team win two out of their three matches and our Year 8 team win one out of three. The progress they have made over the last few weeks has been brilliant and last week Beverley High hosted the same schools. Year 7 had developed their skills and tactics to enable them to win two out of their three games again only losing to a strong South Hunsley team by 3 rounders – well done to Isabelle M for being player of the match and also leading the team as captain. Year 8 have also really improved on their batting and only narrowly lost to two schools and won the third match.



Both these year groups have their end of season East Riding school's tournament coming up soon.

### Year 10 Rounders



On Tuesday 27 June, eight of our Year 10 students played in the end of season tournament at Cottingham School. We competed against four other schools, beating Cottingham and South Holderness, losing by half a rounder to Wolfreton and two rounders to South Hunsley. The students' fielding was really impressive which led to many of the opposition players being caught out. Well done to Annika J for being a great captain and leading a very supportive and enthusiastic team.



## Tennis Inter-house Competition

Well done to all the students who have signed up for the inter-house tennis competition, which is running over the next two weeks during lunchtimes. There have already been some very close matches and students really seem to be enjoying the competition and having lots of fun!



## Kwik Cricket Inter-house



During next week's PE lessons, we will be running some Kwik cricket competitions – a chance for everyone in the form to be involved and compete against other houses in their year group. All the points gained from these competitions will be added to the overall house score on Sports Day.

## Humber Athletics Championships

We are yet to receive the official results for this yet but we took two teams of Year 7 & 8 students to Costello for the day to compete in a variety of athletic events. The students really did themselves proud and showed great determination to achieve, managing to acquire some personal bests on the day.

### Year 7 Team





## Year 8 & 9 Team



## Amazing Athletics Success!

We are so proud of our Year 12 student Tabitha F who is competing in the 1500m at the English Schools' Athletics Championships over the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. She has been training so hard over the last couple of years and this hard work and dedication has really paid off; enabling her to compete recently in the England Under 20 and Under 23 National championships where she achieved a personal best of 4.33 in the 1500m! We wish her the very best at the English Schools' competition.





## Quad Kids Humber Final

A huge congratulations to our Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 quad athletics teams. They managed to come second in the East Riding competition to make it through to the Humber finals on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June. The students competed in four events; Vortex throw, Long Jump, 800m and 100m sprint. Our points plus the Boys Grammar schools' points were added together to make the overall team score. Well done to our Year 9/10 team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Year 7/8 who came 5<sup>th</sup> overall in Humberside.

Year 7/8 Team



Year 9/10 Team



## Sports Day



We are really looking forward to our annual sports day coming up on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. The students are working super hard in their lessons to gain as many points as they can in their athletics award scheme. Teachers are also working hard to practise their events for the teachers' relay races! Athletics Club is a great opportunity for students to practise their events for the day, this club runs on a Thursday after school 3.15-4.15pm and is on for the next two weeks leading up to Sports Day.



## School Gardening Club

Over the summer term the school Gardening Club have been busy sowing and planting. The pupils have really enjoyed working outdoors and their hard work is now coming to fruition with a wide variety of amazing produce!





## Alumni News

Congratulations to former student Jessica Wilson (pictured below at her graduation) who emailed Head of Science, Dr Cosquer this month with an update about what she's been up to.

"I've just graduated with my degree in Chemistry at King's College, Cambridge with a starred triple first and I came 9th in the whole university!! I'm about to start an MPhil continuing a project I've been doing for a few years making electrodes for bio-hybrid solar cells where we use electrons from photosynthesising Cyanobacteria trapped in a big crosslinked polymer I've helped develop to get a current. It's all really cool and I thought you'd like to hear about it!

Another former student Emily Allsup is also at King's working on making resistive plate chambers for dark matter detection at CERN in Switzerland this summer! They said,

**"We couldn't be where we are without you!**

**Beverley High is just such an amazing school and set us up so well for all this."**



## Farewell

This month we congratulated and bade farewell to our two Initial Teacher Training students Emily (Biology) and Ethel (Maths) from Hull University who this month successfully completed their second teaching placement at Beverley High School as part of their Post-Graduate Certificate of Education. We wish you both a long and happy career in the teaching profession.



## In Memory of...

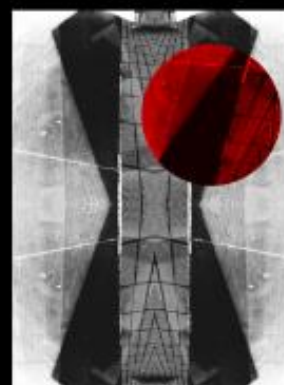
This month, Site Manager Dave Overton supported the son of former Science Technician Tracey Rose to plant a beautiful rosebush in Tracey's memory near to the Science block where she worked. The Minerva rose is purple, Tracey's favourite colour, and highly fragrant.



## Invitation to our Art, Photography, Textiles and Design Technology Exhibition

The Art, Photography, Textiles and Design Technology departments are holding an end of Year exhibition to showcase the work done by our talented Year 11 and Year 13 students (A Level Art work is on display at Beverley Grammar). The exhibition will take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July between 5 and 7 pm** in the Art/DT block. It would be great to see you there.

## Art, Photography, Textiles & DT Summer Exhibition 2023



**Thursday 6th July, 5pm until 7pm  
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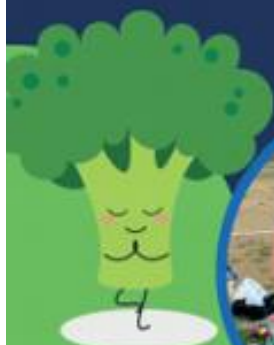


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### SUMMER HAF DATES:

#### Bridlington:

Emmanuel Church

28th and 31st July

2nd, 4th, 9th, 16th,

23rd and 25th August

9am-1pm

#### Goole:

Riverside School

3rd, 4th, 8th,

10th, 15th, 17th,

24th and 25th August.

9:30am-1:30pm

#### Beverley:

CLCGB

1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th August

2:30pm-6:30pm

15th, 17th, 21st, 23rd August

10:30am-2:30pm

#### Hedon:

Songbirds Day Nursery and  
Kids Club, The Hut, Baxter Gate,  
HU128JN

3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th,

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Investigations, Gardening and lots of fun!

For ages 4-16 years  
Summer Holiday Club sessions  
The dates available are

**Monday Tuesday + Wednesday**  
**through the summer holidays starting**  
**on 24th July running till 23rd August.**

Timings are 10am until 2pm.

Holiday clubs are held at Forest Skills Hub, PATT  
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Free for those who are eligible for free school meals (East Riding)  
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Lunch will be provided, but participants can bring own if they prefer.

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